(d) what are the details of the existing guidelines in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the villages earlier covered by many cluster offices including that of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, were allocated to branches of other banks under service area approach. In a survey conducted by their Hyderabad Regional Office, it was observed that that the cluster office at Kanumuru was encroaching upon the service area of State Bank of India. As such, on the advice of RBI, Andhra Bank had closed the branch in 1991.

(c) The information regarding branch-wise administrative expenditure of banks is not generated by the data reporting system of the RBI.

(d) RBI has reported that there are no specific guidelines for closing of cluster offices.

Representation from agricultural cooperative Societies in Andhra Pradesh

2654. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Bank is considering representation from various Agricultural Co-operative Societies for debt relief to farmers in certain parts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) the names of Societies in Andhra Pradesh whose appeals are pending before Andhra Bank Presently; and

(c) details of such societies in West Godavari District whose representations are being examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR ABRAR AHMED): (a) Andhra Bank has reported that it is not considering any representation from any Agricultural Cooperative Societies for debt relief to farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agriculture and Rural Debt Scheme In Andhra Pradesh

2655. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Bank is yet to implement the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme of 1990 fully and properly in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have monitored the way nationalised banks have gone about implementing the Agricultural and Rural Debt Re-relief scheme of 1990 in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Andhra Bank has been made the lead bank for this scheme in some districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the districts where Andhra Bank is the lead bank for implementation of this debt relief scheme in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of primary agricultural cooperative societies which have already benefitted from debt relief under Anhra Bank in West Godavari district, Krishna district, Guntur district and Visakhapatnam district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Andhra Bank has reported that it has implemented the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 fully and properly in